

Hugh Mercer to George Washington, September 10, 1758, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM DR. HUGH MERCER.¹

CAMP AT REAS TOWN Sept 10th 1758 —

SIR,

I am favoured with Yours and have sent to collect all our Packhorses (for the Waggon are gone forward) and propose sending off forty, if so many are to be found, loaded with Flower —

They will be at Cumberland on Tuesday night, and a further supply, may be afterwards sent when the General's pleasure is known with regard to your march —

I could have wished to inform you of the General's arrival here, We looked for him Yesterday, but understood in the Evening that he remained at Fort Loudon on Friday Morning, with little probability of his disorder permitting him to march for several² Days —

I am Sir Your most obedt. humble Servt. HUGH MERCER.

¹ Dr. Hugh Mercer was born and educated in Scotland. He entered the army during the French and Indian war, and served until its close. In the Revolution he again became a soldier, and rose to the rank of general. He was fatally wounded at the battle of Princeton. Congress, on the 8th of April, 1777, resolved that a monument be erected to his memory, and his son be educated at the expense of the government.

² The ink in the original of this letter has become so faint that the remainder of the word "several" is entirely obliterated.